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AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF US MAYORS TO LENINGRAD AND MOSCOW

REF: A. STATE 043782, B. LENINGRAD 271

1. DEPT REGRETS CONGEN LENINGRAD NOT INFORMED OF TOUR SPONSORED BY NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES AND CONFERENCE OF MAYORS (NLC/COM). GROUP WAS TRAVELLING PRIVATELY AND DEPT WAS NOT INVOLVED IN PROGRAMMING. LIMITED INFO MADE AVAILABLE TO DEPT AT LAST MINUTE WAS TRANSMITTED TO AMEMB MOSCOW AND CONGEN LENINGRAD (REFTEL A). DEPT HAS CONTACTED NLC/COM TO INSURE THAT IN FUTURE THERE WILL BE ADVANCE NOTICE OF TRIPS INVOLVING MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS.

2. TOUR WAS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO THREE DAY NLC/COM CONGRESS OF CITIES CONFERENCE HELD IN WASHINGTON, D.C. GROUP'S PROGRAM IN USSR WAS ARRANGED BY UNION OF SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SOCIETIES.

3. A SECOND GROUP COMPOSED OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS, WIVES

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AND OTHERS ASSOCIATED WITH URBAN AFFAIRS ARRIVES MOSCOW

MARCH FIVE AT TWO-FIFTEEN PM, PAN AM CHARTER C196.
GROUP ARRIVES LENINGRAD MARCH EIGHT AND DEPARTS USSR
MARCH ELEVEN. PROGRAMMING WILL ALSO BE ARRANGED BY UNION

OF SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SOCIETIES (MOSCOW CONTACT: MICHAEL
TESLYAK; LENINGRAD CONTACT: TATIANA ZHUKOVA - PHONE
10 45 91). NLC/COM EXPECTS SECOND GROUP'S PROGRAM TO
BE SIMILAR TO THAT OF FIRST GROUP. NO FURTHER DETAILS
AVAILABLE.

4. JEAN CLAUDE DUBOST, TRAVEL AGENT ACCOMPANYING GROUP,

HAS BEEN ASKED TO FURNISH AMEMB MOSCOW AND CONGEN LENIN-
GRAD WITH LIST OF TOUR PARTICIPANTS. KISSINGER

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